

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/693,424

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

J. Pasterczyk

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 10/3/05, telephonic interview of 12/2/04.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-16,18 and 19.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/2/05.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

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1. This Office action is in response to the amendment and declaration filed 10/3/05 and the telephonic interview of 12/2/05 and refers to the Office action mailed 5/19/05. The claims previously withdrawn due to a restriction requirement are now rejoined.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the claims: in claim 3, l. 2, change "are" to --is--.

In claim 4, l. 2, change "are" to --is--.

In claim 5, l. 2, change "are" to --is--.

In claim 7, change "Claim 6" to --claim 1--.

In claim 14, l. 2, after "from" insert --the group consisting of--.

In claim 15, l. 1, delete "selected"; in l. 2 delete "from"; in l. 6 change "and" to --or--.

In claim 18 change "Claim 17" to --claim 16--.

In claim 19 after "Claim 1" insert --in the presence of a cocatalyst--.

In the abstract: in the abstract submitted with the amendment of 10/3/05, page 2, in the second line delete "with styrene" and in the third line change "5" to --free--.

In the specification: in the amendment to the specification submitted with the amendment of 10/3/05, page 2, l. 4, after "GORE-TEXTM" insert --(microporous film polytetrafluoroethylene)--.

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3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Catherine Bell, Esq., on 12/2/05.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the amendments submitted by applicants along with the examiner's amendments above overcome the formalisms against the present claims. The prior art rejections are overcome by the executed Rule 132 declarations submitted along with the amendment of 10/3/05; the declarations are considered to be sufficient for purposes of rebutting the prior art rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Pasterczyk whose telephone number is 571-272-1375. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo, can be reached at 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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